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1. Chinese Communist authorities at the Tsingtao Customs Office notified the ports of Chefoo, Dairen, and Antung that lights and fog signals would be discontinued at Yuneishan (游内山), Hsiaotao (120-43, 36-17), Tsingtao, Lientao (連島), and Takungtao (大公島).

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2. The 20 Chinese Communist naval craft which hold joint maneuvers with the Soviets off Dairen have been identified as the Chinese Communist 7 Fleet.

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3. Defense of the coastal area between Tsingtao and Ch'inhuangtao (119-35, 39-57) is under the Special Fleet (特種艦隊) of the Northeast Naval District Headquarters. This fleet includes three 3,000-ton gunboats,** fourteen 2,000-ton gunboats,** and about twenty 1,000-ton vessels. The USSR transferred one 4,000-ton cruiser to this fleet at Tsingtao Harbor.

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4. ships under command of the East China Naval District were in the following positions in the Shanghai area:

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a. China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company Wharf Number 6 (Hongkow Wharf): 1,000-ton vessels

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b. Pootung Dockyard: two 12,000-ton**** gunboats and 35 vessels of 1,000-3,000 tons each. These craft were salvaged in the Yangtze and reequipped by the Chinese Communists.

c. Woosung: the CH'ANGCHIH (長治) and 16 landing craft and gunboats of 1,000 tons each. Four of these 16 are the KUANGYUNG (光榮), CHINHPANG (解放), HSIHPANG (先鋒), and CHATTCU (戰鬥).*****

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d. Kianguan Dockyard: 12 naval craft of 3,000 tons each. These are freighters converted into warships.

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** [] Comment. These tonnages seem very excessive, since most Chinese Communist gunboats are well under 1,000 tons. 50X1-HUM

*** [] Comment. Chinese Communist CHUNG (中) class LST's 120, 122 and 125 are listed at 3,326 tons each; HUA (華) class LSM's 201 and 209 are listed at 826 tons each.

**** [] Comment. This tonnage is preposterous.

***** [] Comment. The gunboats CHIEHFANG and HSIENFENG are listed at 50 tons and 80 tons respectively.

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